

Conflict Attorneys (Court Appointed Counsel)

Mission

To provide for the payment of court costs ordered against indigent defendants as determined by Florida Statutes 27.52.

Business Strategy

Court costs are to be paid by the County per Florida Statute. Payment is provided to court-appointed attorneys for indigent defendants where the Public Defender experiences conflict in representation as set forth under Florida Statute 27.53(3) relative to criminal proceedings and Florida Statute 39.0134 relative to juvenile proceedings. Compensation is calculated per Florida Statute 925.036 and Administrative Orders 96-33, 00-23-S, and 01-07-S. Seminole County contracts with eight conflict attorneys. Special conflict attorneys are appointed for capital cases, dependency cases and other cases where the Court finds a conflict.

Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes requires that attorneys be appointed for each parent in dependency cases where allegations have been made that a child has been abandoned, abused or neglected.

In addition, the State provides funding relief through the "Child Dependency Program." The grant-in-aid agreement disburses quarterly payments to Seminole County.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and Administrative Orders in providing indigent defendants with legal representation.

Performance Measures

FY 00/01 Actual	FY 01/02 Estimated	FY 02/03 Goal
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